

APPROVED: Meeting No. 37-84

ATTEST: *Helen McKenaghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 34-84

October 2, 1984

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the City Manager's Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 1984.

PRESENT

Mayor John R. Freeland  
(arrived at 7:45 pm)

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilman Douglas Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepian

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

Re: Executive Session

The Council met in Executive Session and were briefed by the City Manager on a matter involving the Town Center.

Re: Work Session

The Mayor and Council conducted a work session on goals and priorities. The City Manager submitted a list of projects on which the staff is working. The Mayor and Council reviewed this list in order to rearrange the priorities as necessary. Councilman Duncan requested the qualifications of the Mediator/Facilitator, and updates on the insurance policy selection and the construction of Lone Oak Park. The City Manager thought a meeting might be necessary with the County CAO in order to speed up the Lone Oak process. Mayor

Freeland agreed and suggested that the County consider a 'hold harmless' agreement with the City on the school building. Councilman Duncan asked that the Scott Drive Bridge construction be moved up on the priority list and asked that the staff check on a recent accident and consider additional warning signs. Councilman Duncan asked for a report back on the men's shelter program. The Council discussed the Red Barn on Frederick Ave. which has been cited by the City inspectors for code violations. The staff was asked to carefully consider steps for relocation of the tenants.

Councilman Tyner asked for the criteria used in the selection of the expert for the Art in Public Places program and more information on the selection process itself. The City Manager explained that the Work Session on Oct. 29 would address many of these issues. Councilman Tyner asked that the Council consider whether it is prepared to spend the funds necessary to match the State grant for the theatre since the bill received a favorable report in Committee. He asked that the user groups be told of the proposed close down of the theatre this June for the construction of catwalks.

Councilwoman Hovsepian asked for information on the Housing Assistance fund and who will be administering the funds when they are collected. She asked for information on the local development corporation and whether a work session is needed. She expressed her concern with the number of items the Council must consider and suggested there might be an overload. The City Manager will prepare a proposed calendar showing the sequence of projects. Councilman Abrams asked that the calendar identify who is working on the projects. Councilman Tyner reminded the Council that the dates shown are target dates.

Councilman Abrams asked for more information on the satellite parking program.

Councilman Tyner provided information on a streetcar system in San Antonio.

He asked that the staff consider Westmont, the Rockville Pike Corridor, Area 3 and I-270 as one entity to ensure that the same traffic data is being used. When the traffic counts are compared it will assure the staff that there will be no chance of being confused with our own data.

Councilman Abrams asked when the information will be available on the survey taken of the Summit Apartment relocation and why it is not available.

Councilwoman Hovsepien reported that the members of the charitable volunteer organizations who met for the first time in the Council Chamber have continued their monthly meetings together. She suggested that the same type of briefing be held with the Service Clubs. The Council agreed this can be done after the first of the year.

Councilman Tyner asked if there are many results of the Convocation process. Mayor Freeland asked that a summary report be sent out to all the participants. The City Manager stated that the staff was spending an inordinate amount of time on the process and was forced to discontinue. Although many of the people were willing to discuss the issues there were not enough people to pick up the responsibility. It was not a task for government but community leaders were not willing to step forward.

The Council agreed that a work session to consider the issue of County Laws in the City could be held on October 15. The Manager will schedule a walk-through at the new Metro stations.

Re: Executive Session

On motion of Councilman Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed the meeting was closed for Executive Session to discuss a company relocation in the State.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in Executive Session the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. to convene again in General Session on Monday, October 8, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.